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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

House International Relations Committee Action
on the Turkish aid bill

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MATERIAL

The House International Relations Committee ordered reported an amended version of the Turkish aid compromise bill, H. R. 8454. The original bill (Tab A) was endorsed by the President and would have:

- removed the suspension with respect to defense articles and services for which Turkey has already signed contracts (\$184.5 million);
- lifted the embargo on commercial sales to Turkey;
- removed the suspension on military credits, sales, and guarantees for items Turkey "needs to fulfill her role in NATO; and
- provided for reports to the Congress by the President every 60 days on progress towards a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus conflict.

The bill ordered reported by the Committee only removes the suspension in respect to defense articles and services in pipeline and lifts the embargo on commercial sales. It does not remove the suspension on military sales, credits or guarantees. In fact, it prevents such action until the Foreign Assistance bill is passed. Provision for Presidential reports to the Congress remain in the bill.

Under the three-day rule (to allow dissenting views to be submitted) the International Relations Committee will not file their report until Wednesday, July 16. The legislation will then go to the Rules Committee on Thursday. It can probably be expected to come to the floor on Tuesday, July 22 - five days after the deadline set by the Turkish Government for the beginning of talks on American bases.

The President will address this issue briefly in the Bi-Partisan Leadership Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 14. There are also ~~tentative~~ plans for a second Presidential breakfast on Wednesday, July 16.

To authorize a lifting of the embargo on the delivery of defense articles to Turkey and otherwise strengthen the North Atlantic Alliance, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and the House
2 of Representatives of the United States of
3 America in Congress assembled, That the
4 Congress reaffirms the policy of the United
5 States to seek to improve and harmonize rela-
6 tions among the allies of the United States
7 and between the United States and its allies,
8 in the interest of mutual defense and national
9 security. In particular, the Congress recognizes
10 the special contribution to the North Atlantic
11 Alliance of Greece and Turkey by virtue of their
12 geographic position on the southeastern flank of
13 Europe and is prepared to assist in the moderni-
14 zation and strengthening of their respective
15 armed forces.

16 The Congress further reaffirms the policy of
17 the United States to alleviate the suffering of
18 refugees and other victims of armed conflict and
19 to foster and promote international efforts to
20 ameliorate the conditions which prevent such

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1 persons from resuming normal and productive
2 lives. The Congress, therefore, calls upon the
3 President to encourage and to cooperate in the
4 implementation of multilateral programs, under
5 the auspices of the Secretary General of the
6 United Nations, the United Nations High Com-
7 missioner for Refugees or other appropriate
8 international agencies, for the relief of and
9 assistance to refugees and other persons dis-
10 advantaged by the hostilities on Cyprus.

11 SEC. 2. (a) In order that the purposes
12 of this Act may be carried out without awaiting
13 the enactment of foreign assistance legislation
14 for fiscal year 1976 programs --

15 (1) The President is authorized, notwith-
16 standing any other provision of law, to
17 furnish to the Government of Turkey those
18 defense articles and defense services
19 contracted for under section 21 or section
20 22 of the Foreign Military Sales Act on or
21 before February 5, 1975, and to issue
22 licenses for the transportation to the
23 Government of Turkey of arms, ammunition
24 and implements of war (including technical

1 data relating thereto); and

2 (2) The President is requested to initiate
3 discussions with the Government of Greece
4 to determine the most urgent needs of
5 Greece for economic and military assistance.

6 (b) The President is directed to submit to
7 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
8 to the Foreign Relations and Appropriations Com-
9 mittees of the Senate within sixty days after
10 the enactment of this Act, a report on discus-
11 sions conducted under subsection (a)(2), together
12 with his recommendations for economic and mili-
13 tary assistance to Greece for the fiscal year
14 1976.

15 SEC. 3. (a) Section 620(x) of the Foreign
16 Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by striking out
17 all after the word "Provided," and inserting in
18 lieu thereof the following:

19 "That the President is authorized to suspend
20 the provisions of this section and such Acts only
21 with respect to sales, credits and guaranties
22 under the Foreign Military Sales Act, as amended,
23 for the procurement of ^{such} defense articles and defense
24 services as the President determines and certifies

1 to the Congress are necessary in order to
 2 enable Turkey to fulfill her defense responsi-
 3 bilities as a member of the North Atlantic
 4 Treaty Organization. Any such suspension shall
 5 be effective only while Turkey shall observe
 6 the ceasefire and shall neither increase its
 7 forces on Cyprus nor transfer to Cyprus any
 8 United States supplied implements of war."

9 (b) Section 620(x) of the Foreign Assist-
 10 ance Act of 1961 is further amended by designating
 11 the present subsection as paragraph (1) and by
 12 adding at the end thereof the following new
 13 paragraph:

14 "(2) The President shall submit to the
 15 Congress within sixty days after the enactment
 16 of this paragraph, and at the end of each
 17 succeeding sixty day period, a report on
 18 progress made during such period toward the
 19 conclusion of a negotiated solution of the
 20 Cyprus conflict."

21 (c) Nothing in this ^{section} ~~Act~~ shall be construed
 22 as authorizing (1) military assistance to Turkey
 23 under chapter 2 of part II of the Foreign Assist-
 24 ance Act of 1961, or (2) sales, credits or

1 guaranties to or on behalf of Turkey under the
2 Foreign Military Sales Act for the procurement
3 of defense articles or defense services not
4 determined by the President to be needed for
5 the fulfillment of Turkey's NATO responsi-
6 bilities.